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SUBJECT: JAPAN WON'T OPPOSE HRC SPECIAL SESSION ON LEBANON

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Classified By: Acting Political Minister Counselor Carol Reynolds. Reason: 1.4 (b)(d).

(C) Embassy Tokyo Political Officer shared reftel demarche with MOFA Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division Director Tetsuya Kimura on August 9. Kimura responded that Japan would likely be unable to support the U.S. position. He explained that is over one-third of the commission members propose a special session, such a session then become "automatic." It was his understanding that more than one-third of the members were requesting a special session. He nonetheless agreed to consult with his superiors and let us know if there was a change. SCHIEFFER